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### **Rep. Johnson: 4 bills signed into law to promote healthy, safe adoptions in Wisconsin**

MADISON - Today, Representative LaTonya Johnson (D-Milwaukee) attended the signing of the Adoption Protection Package. The group of bills was the result of a bipartisan Study Committee chaired by Representatives Joel Kleefisch (R-Oconomowoc) and LaTonya Johnson (D-Milwaukee).

The Adoption Protection Package (Assembly Bills 39, 40, 41, and 42) focuses on crisis prevention, pre-adoptive training requirements, access to post-adoptive resources, and implements safeguards for children adopted from other states and countries.

“Every child deserves a safe, loving forever home, and families that are willing to open their hearts to an adopted son or daughter should receive all of the support and training that they need to help make the adoption a success,” said Representative Johnson.

“I am very proud of the work done by the Legislative Council Study Committee on Adoption Disruption and Dissolution, and thankful to my colleagues in the legislature for approving our recommendations with such overwhelming, bipartisan support. Strengthening Wisconsin’s adoption system and providing essential resources to families, both before and after adoptions are finalized, will promote the kinds of stable homes in which our state’s adopted children can grow strong and thrive.”

Convening in the summer of 2014, the Legislative Council Study Committee on Adoption Disruption and Dissolution was charged with studying the extent of disruption and dissolution of adoptive families and the challenges faced by children, adoptive parents, and child welfare agencies in instances when an adoptive family is unable, or no longer willing to continue to care for an adopted child. Assembly Bills 39, 40, 41, and 42 are based upon the study committee’s unanimous recommendations for improvements to state law.

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